

THE GALLEGO MILLS DESTROYED BY FIRE THIS MORNING.



Yes—and winter seems to have set in.

Overcoat time! We only have one complaint to make about our overcoats—they last too long.

That's an item to most of you, though.

\$7.50 on up to the best to be had at \$48.00.

Oh, yes; Robes and Smoking Jackets for those upon whom Santa Claus didn't call—a nice line.

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MEN & BOYS' OUTFITTERS.

very hot when yard engines came and took them away. But the entire city was in great danger through the two hours of the fire.

The heavens were one blazing oven from the burning embers driven over the buildings, but raining them continually. Probably the rain, Christmas day, which so many regretted and deplored, saved the city from a great conflagration. The inflammable portions of houses were wet and the coals went out before heating the wood to the igniting point.

WAS A FIERY RAIN.

Myriads of Sparks Threaten the Business Section.

Myriads and myriads of sparks; the air a perfect ocean of fiery particles mounting high in air, and these falling in a steady downpour almost as far as the eye could reach, while the windows of structures from across the city were lit up by the brilliant light emitted by the burning Gallego Mills, which roared like a mammoth furnace seven times heated.

It was a rain of fire. To the watchers along the streets the rain of sparks within the fiery zone, it scarce seemed possible that some of the gleaming, burning visitors would find lodgment in inflammable spots and result in a conflagration that would sweep the scene of horror incident to the evacuation of Richmond eight and thirty years ago.

Fanned by the Breezes.

Blowing steadily from the southeast a chill breeze swept over the burning mills bearing on its wings the glowing particles. At times the entire Capitol Square seemed ablaze as sparks of the red-hot rain fell upon the branches of the trees, as though millions of fireflies were playing hide and seek.

On the summit of Capitol Hill the stately building stood silhouetted against the sky, every window ablaze. It was difficult to believe that fire was not raging inside the structure. The Chamber of Commerce building also, from every window threw back the firelight, and streets for blocks were brilliant with reflected rays.

As the breeze consuming the mill subsided the shower of sparks increased, until they fell in a thick, continuous shower, which covered squares on Main Street, and to the banks of the river. Pieces of burnt wood the size of walnuts began to mingle with the downpour.

Dangerous Situation.

The situation for a while was dangerous, indeed. On the roof of the building occupied by the Richmond Trust and Safe Deposit Company, at Tenth and Main Streets, an inflammable object caught fire and began to blaze fiercely. A stream was promptly turned on it from the hose of The Times-Dispatch private equipment, and it was promptly extinguished.

A few moments later the awning over the Main Street entrance of the Richmond Trust and Safe Deposit Company became ignited, and that over the door of John L. Williams & Son's office, just across Tenth Street, quickly followed suit.

But the chemical engine, which had been detailed to look after this threatened section, quickly put out the flames. The fire was quickly extinguished. The fire rain extended from below Eleventh Street to Ninth, and the wind carried the sparks north beyond the Capitol building.

Volunteers from among the citizens rendered the firemen much assistance in extinguishing burning awnings, &c., in the neighborhood of Ninth and Main.

Mr. Alfred B. Williams, editor of the News-Leader, is likely to have a very active role to play in the fire. He was very helpful, and he assisted in extinguishing the burning awning at Tenth and Main Streets. The awning over one of the fire stores, on Ninth Street, near Franklin, caught, but was quickly put out.

A small blaze in the rear of Whitsett & Shepperson's printing establishment was occasioned by the sparks and burning embers from the burning building. Another alarm was sounded promptly and soon extinguished what might have developed into a most serious blaze.

There was a quantity of debris and waste in the rear of the building, commingled with the fire from the roof.

This made it a hard fire to fight, but the fire ladders reached the scene before the blaze had gotten much headway, and soon had it extinguished.

FIREMAN INJURED.

Mr. Lawrence Haake in Serious Condition for Awhile.

The wind was blowing from the south-

east and it was bitterly cold, so cold, indeed, that the water flowing from the burning building into the streets, and the firemen, who were working close to the fire, were obliged to wear heavy coats and hats. The thickness of the walls, all the heat was driven directly westward and northward, driving the firemen and all spectators back for a hundred yards. On the east and northeast sides of the mill it was so cold that electric wires were only a few feet from the mill building were coated with a layer of ice some ten and some even twelve inches in length. On the east side of the building the firemen and policemen were keeping warm by means of a small fire built in the streets, for it was very cold there. With them were the ambulance surgeons awaiting, so as to be in readiness for any emergency.

So far as could be ascertained, there was but one man hurt. That one was Mr. Lawrence C. Haake, a fireman at No. 7 Station. Early in the fire Mr. Haake, whose sound was at work close to the burning furnace, staggered away and took a seat on the running board of the truck, then a block away from the fire. Locomotives were dragging the neighboring freight cars away and the horses hitched to the truck were plunging so that the truck was in danger. A man who went to warn him of his danger recognized him, and he was assisted to his feet. Then for the first time it was found that he was painfully, if not seriously injured. The ambulance was called, and Dr. Crump, who examined the injured man, found that his stomach was abnormally distended, and that he was complaining of pains in his chest. Emergency treatment was given the patient, and he was then taken to the First Police Station. Inquiry at the station shortly before 4 o'clock elicited the information that Mr. Haake recovered consciousness, and that the swelling had been abated to a large extent. He is improving nicely, and it is not thought that any serious injury resulted. The injury was due to inhaling smoke.

The origin of the fire is largely a matter of speculation. One report heard at the time was that the furnace of the mill attributed the origin to incendiaryism, and gave as his reason for the belief the fact that the key to the private alarm box had been stolen the day before the fire. The matter of incendiaryism, however, is a matter of certainty that although the fire was visible first from the tower on the summit of the roof it must have originated in the lower portion of the building, and crept unobserved upward until the draft of smoke and aperture and the tongue of flame became visible from the exterior. It was a long time after the fire was discovered, however, before any light or flame was visible, save that in and around the tower.

At 4 o'clock all the walls of the mill were still intact, and were serving to confine the heat of the tangled mass of fallen beams and sills that were blazing fiercely from ground to the topmost point of the walls. It was a weird scene. The window apertures were bright with the fire, and the flames were billowing with the reflection. Great masses of half fallen and partially burned timbers were visible everywhere within the inclosure formed by the walls.

The firemen, weary by their three hours of work in the bitter cold, and with the smoke from the burning mill, were freezing as soon as it touched the ground almost, suffered keenly. Wet and hungry and cold, they sustained themselves by drinking hot coffee, which was constantly being made along toward the mill.

At 4:30 A. M. dozens of streams of water were steadily pumping thousands of gallons of icy water into the shell of the old and massive building.

THE GREAT STRUCTURE.

Something About the Equipment of the Mills, Which Had But Recently Been Fitted Up.

Messrs. Warner Moore & Company, buying the Gallego Mills early in 1902, paying \$110,000 therefor. After a brief delay the new owners began the herculean task of fitting the old mill with modern machinery. The new machinery cost \$75,000, but alone the installing of it. The three old-fashioned overshot wheels were taken out and modern turbine wheels were substituted. In every department new machinery was installed. The mill employed about forty men, all of whom were well paid and most of them had families.

Messrs. Moore & Company bought the mills on a ten-year payment plan, and there was a large amount of money advanced through Messrs. J. B. Moore & Company, agents, and while the exact figure cannot be stated, it is well-nigh certain that the property, particularly the building, is well covered.

Seven-Story Structure.

The structure was five stories high to the eaves and two stories above the eaves, and was built of brick. The present building was begun soon after the war. The former structure, less imposing than the mammoth edifice now in ruins, was erected in 1833. It is the oldest building in the city. The mill was reduced to ashes about 1845 and again at the evacuation of Richmond. The structure just destroyed cost \$320,000. It was operated for a number of years by the Gallego Mills Company, with Mr. Charles L. Todd as manager. In 1902 it came to be owned by bondholders, and for their benefit was sold early last year to Messrs. Warner Moore & Company.

The company is Mr. Thomas L. Moore, who, though bearing the same name, is not a kinsman of the senior member.

Run With the Dunlop.

Messrs. Warner Moore & Company had successfully operated the Dunlop Mills for some years, and undertook the greater plant with bright prospects. They had possession of the finest flour mill property in America, the Dunlop Mills, which was built by John R. Thomas, of Chicago, an experienced miller, who had been brought here by the old Gallego Mills Company. It was brought back and made superintending.

The first floor of the plant was used for offices and for the temporary storage of grain, packed and ready for shipment. The north end of the structure was used as a granary, and the south end, which was a large grain elevator, had twenty-one such elevators, each with a capacity of 5,000 bushels. These were thought to have been filled. The south end was used for the preparation of the flour and the grain. On one floor the grain was cleaned; it was given another process.

BY REV. RICHARD BOLAND. A LETTER RECOMMENDING FATHER JOHN'S MEDICINE FOR LUNG TROUBLES.

Rev. Richard Boland, of St. Michael's Parish, Lowell, Mass., writes as follows:

"Father John's Medicine is unequalled as a preventative of bronchial and lung diseases, which have been working terrible havoc in our climate. We have used it ourselves and find it most beneficial in cases of prolonged coughs and bronchial irritations. It is a tender, delicate, and safe remedy, and for this reason invaluable to all public speakers." Father John's Medicine is for sale by Owens and Minor Drug Company, 1001 E. Main Street; People's Drug Store, 200 Williamsburg Avenue; Northside Pharmacy, 901 North Fifth Street; Pine Street Pharmacy, 34 South Pine Street; East Pharmacy, 301 Venable Street.

DO YOU GET UP WITH A LAME BACK?



Have You Rheumatism, Kidney, Liver or Bladder Trouble?

To Prove what SWAMP-ROOT, the Great Kidney, Liver and Bladder Remedy, will do for YOU, all our Readers May Have a Sample Bottle Sent Free by Mail.

Pain or dull ache in the back is unmistakable evidence of kidney trouble. It is Nature's timely warning to show you that the track of health is not clear.

If these danger signals are unheeded, more serious results are sure to follow: Bright's disease, which is the worst form of kidney trouble, may steal upon you.

The mild and the extraordinary effect of the world-famous kidney and bladder remedy, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. A trial will convince anyone—and you may have a sample bottle free, by mail.

Gentlemen—I attribute my present good health to Swamp-Root. I suffered many years with kidney trouble and an almost constant pain in my back. Your great remedy, Swamp-Root, cured my trouble, and I have since been perfectly well. Yours truly, B. H. Chalkey, Chief of Police, Ozark, Ala.

Lame back is only one symptom of kidney trouble—one of many. Other symptoms showing that you need Swamp-Root are: being obliged to pass water often; a dull day to get up many times during the night; inability to hold your urine, smarting or irritation in passing; brick-dust or sediment in the urine; catarrh of the bladder, uric acid, constant headache, dizziness, sleeplessness, nervousness, irregular heart-beating, rheumatism, bloating, irritability, worn-out feeling, lack of ambition, loss of flesh, sallow complexion.

If your water, when allowed to remain undisturbed in a glass or bottle for twenty-four hours, forms a sediment or settling, or has a cloudy appearance, it is evidence that your kidneys and bladder need immediate attention.

In taking Swamp-Root you afford natural help to Nature, for Swamp-Root is the most perfect healer and gentle aid to the kidneys that is known to medical science.

Swamp-Root is the great discovery of Dr. Kilmer, the eminent kidney and bladder specialist. Hospitals use it with wonderful success in all slight and severe cases. Doctors recommend it to their patients and use it in their own families. The greatest and most successful remedy for any derangement of the kidney, liver and bladder.

You may have a sample bottle of this wonderful remedy, Swamp-Root, sent absolutely free by mail, also a book telling all about Swamp-Root, and containing many of the thousands upon thousands of testimonial letters received from men and women cured. In writing to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure to say that you read this generous offer in the Richmond Sunday Times-Dispatch. The book and sample bottle will be sent to you at once, and you will be glad to see the regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles at drug stores everywhere. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

SPECIAL MATINEE WEDNESDAY FOR THE T. D. C. G. MEMBERS

The T. D. C. G. members will hold their first annual reunion at the Bijou Theatre Wednesday afternoon next, when a special matinee will be given for the club. There will be a performance by the Ross and Fenton Vaudeville Company, which will play here during the week, and speeches will be made by Governor Monaghan, Mayor Taylor and Major James H. Copers.

The club now has 2,000 members and prospects for its enlargement are bright. The organization is composed of boys and girls who have either contributed or agreed to contribute to the columns of the club.

on another floor, and so the entire gigantic building was utilized. The depth was thirty feet below the street, or equivalent to nearly three stories. The water had a fall of thirty-four feet.

HISTORY OF MILLS. First Structure Erected More Than a Century Ago.

The Gallego Mills were among the most ancient and celebrated flour mills of the United States, having been in operation probably fully a hundred years. The mills had their origin in a mill built by Gallego at the close of the last century somewhere above the present limits of the city. In the early years of the present century they were removed to their present site by a new proprietor, Chevalle, and were destroyed by fire in 1846. They were then rebuilt, but were burned again in the great evacuation fire of 1865. The establishment was built by Warwick & Barisade at the close of the war. It cost then, complete, \$350,000. It was improved by successive owners. The Gallego Mills property embraced, in a large nine-story brick building, 100 by 100 to build which required over two and a quarter million brick—a flour mill of 1,400 barrels daily capacity, a mill of 2,500 bushels daily capacity, a warehouse containing 35,000 bushels of wheat and 20,000 barrels of flour. In the height of their prosperity they turned out yearly about 325,000 barrels of flour.

Death of Mrs. Hattie Price Bowyer.

Mrs. Hattie Price Bowyer died last Tuesday at the home of her husband, No. 401 East Leigh Street, after a long illness, which she bore with Christian fortitude and resignation. The funeral took place from the house on Thursday, and was conducted by Rev. Dr. C. S. Gardner. Sweet solos were sung by Miss Annette Green and Mr. Oscar Lohman. The interment was made at Hollywood.

Mrs. Bowyer was from near Pleasant Hill, where she resided for many years. She had made many friends. She is survived by her husband and a little son.

HONORED THEIR DIRECTOR.

The choir of the Grove Avenue Baptist Church, know how to do the grateful act, as well as to sing with excellence. Christ-mas eve they had sent to the residence of Mr. Manly B. Ramos, musical director of this church, a complete set of handsome gold collar and cuff buttons. Mr. Ramos is greatly pleased at this token of esteem on the part of those associated with him and has good reason to be proud of the gift.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 26.—(By Associated Press.)—The sending of the troops, nevertheless, is considered as having important bearing on the present negotiations, as it will be the first conspicuous evidence of Japan's actual exercise of paramount authority over Korea. It is further said in the same quarters that the preparation for the expedition were the cause of the recent great activity at the Japanese arsenals and dock yards, which, it is asserted, has been erroneously ascribed to preparations against Russia.

Information has also been received here that the Foreign Minister Lamsdorf personally received Japan's reply, and that in view of its terms he is said to have expressed surprise at the reports of Japan's belligerent attitude. This, it is added, is regarded as clearly showing the amicable spirit in which the negotiations are proceeding.

SAILED FOR CAVITE. Rear-Admiral Evans Determined Not to Remain at Honolulu.

HONOLULU, Dec. 26.—Rear-Admiral Evans, who had received a cablegram from Secretary of the Navy Moody, telling him to use his own discretion in the matter of remaining here, sailed for Cavite, Manila, a few days longer at Honolulu, as requested by Governor Carter, and the Merchants' Association, announced to-day that in view of the situation in the Orient, he would not assume the responsibility of remaining at Honolulu merely for pleasure, and that the Asiatic Squadron would sail for Cavite Tuesday, the date originally designated.

Confidently Expect Peace. ST. PETERSBURG, December 26.—(By Associated Press.)—The diplomatic circles here express greater confidence in an ultimate peaceful arrangement between Russia and Japan.

BOOM FOR MR. OLNEY

Effort to Have Him Nominated for the Presidency.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 26.—Massachusetts Democrats are preparing to start a "booming" boom for Olney as the Democratic candidate for the presidency. They expect the co-operation and active assistance of many prominent Southern and Western committeemen and many prominent members of Congress.

A meeting was held last night at which plans were laid and Hon. William S. McNary, chairman of the Democratic State Committee of Massachusetts, admitted to-night that the boom for Mr. Olney will be formally started by the Democratic caucus in the State of Massachusetts.

It is the consensus of opinion," says Mr. McNary, "that the time has arrived for Mr. Olney's qualifications are to be formally laid before the Democrats of the country to do so, that it is appropriate for the Democratic caucus in the State of Massachusetts to speak first, and steps will be at once taken to crystallize the sentiment for Mr. Olney."

THEY SAW WHERE HISTORY WAS MADE

Distinguished Northern Scholars Spend Several Hours Here En Route to New Orleans.

Delegates of the American Historical Association and of the American Economic Association, numbering about 150, were in the city yesterday about 11 A. M., and remained until 3:30 P. M., before reaching New Orleans. They were the places of greater historical interest.

Through a misunderstanding of the hour at which the party was to arrive on the train, the party was delayed, and the delegates were not able to see the special train.

The party is traveling in a special train of five cars. The party is for New Orleans, where the annual meeting will be held for the first time in the South. Many distinguished ladies and gentlemen compose the southern company.

The New China Store Monday Specials.

Hand Painted Vases, brass footed and handle, the \$2.50 ones,..... \$1.39
Wrought Iron Umbrella Stands, brass pans, the \$1.50 ones,..... 79c
White China Plates, per dozen,..... 45c
White Fluted Fruit or Vegetable Bowls, 15c and 19c. ones, for,..... 10c
Brass and Oxidized Clocks, that will run, regular \$2.50 ones, Monday,..... \$1.39
Plated and Plain Bottom Tunblers, the 60c. ones, special, per dozen,..... 33c

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SEND TROOPS TO COREA FIERCE GALE IN NEW YORK

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taken to a hospital on account of injuries caused by floating wreckage. The dredge sank almost immediately after having sprung a leak while being towed up the harbor. It was owned by the Breyman Brothers Dredging Company, and was valued at \$50,000.

STORM IN THE SOUTH.

Much Damage to Property and Two or More Lives Lost.

(By Associated Press.) AMERICUS, GA., Dec. 26.—A destructive storm passed over this section Friday. On the McCall farm several houses were destroyed, and one man was killed by flying timbers. On the Lartar plantation, next to McNeill's, a windmill near the house was blown down and one man was killed. Several tenant houses were destroyed. The plant of the Willis Canning Company, near here, was blown down. On Juba Morris plantation, every tenant house was destroyed. More than a dozen mules were killed by stables falling on them. Miles of fence were carried away.

Cyclone in Alabama.

(By Associated Press.) DOTHAM, ALA., Dec. 26.—A cyclone passed over Dothan, a small place on the Central of Georgia Railway, yesterday. Several houses were blown down and two children of John Draught were killed. Several other persons were badly hurt.

COLD IN THE WEST.

Two Men Frozen to Death in Illinois—Cold at Chicago.

(By Associated Press.) PEORIA, ILL., Dec. 26.—The intensely cold weather is responsible for two fatalities. John Weir, aged forty-five, was frozen to death near Elmwood, and George Baumgarten was found frozen to a tree here to-day and had to be torn loose by patrolmen. He is so badly frozen he cannot recover.

Cold Wave Strikes Chicago.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—With a minimum of eight degrees below zero, the crest of a cold wave moving eastward struck Chicago to-day. Trains in many instances were unable to maintain schedule time. Temperatures close to zero were reported in the West and Northwest. Northern Indiana reported eight below. St. Paul sixteen below, and Winnipeg thirty below.

COLDER WEATHER.

Mercury Falls Many Degrees and Will Go Lower.

"Farmer" Evans predicts that in the cold snap which reached Richmond yesterday the mercury may sink to thirty to-day, and it is drifting to that point for it was real Christmas weather last night.

Following the rain of Friday, the city was visited by real winter weather yesterday and last night, and the mercury fell almost aizzard was raging yesterday.

The temperature fell rapidly here yesterday, and if the belief of the local bureau shall be sustained it will be much colder by to-morrow.

The range of the thermometer in Chicago yesterday was far below zero, while the coldest place in the country was St. Paul, Minn., the mercury going as low as 30 below.

In New York there was a blinding snow storm during the night, and at times it was dark in the streets.

Brisk stepping and heavy wraps on the streets of Richmond yesterday afternoon and last night indicated that winter had reached here at last, and every one seemed anxious to fortify themselves against the penetrating Christmas winds.

TWO KILLED; SIX INJURED

This the Result of Rear-End Collision at Williamstown.

(By Associated Press.) CINCINNATI, Dec. 26.—Two men were killed and six injured in a rear end collision at Williamstown, Ky., on the Cincinnati Southern Railway, to-day. A wrecking train that was backing up from Mason, Ky., was met by a freight train. The freight train was backing up, and the wrecking train was wrecked, and afterward took fire. The cars burned so quickly that two workmen perished.

Six others, who were asleep in the rear car, were badly injured.

CHURCH NOTICES.

PRESBYTERIAN. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—DR. F. M. EADEN, pastor—Services at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.

METHODIST. TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH—A. M. Rev. J. O. E. GILBERT, D. D., D. L., D. M. Washington St. D. C.'s P. M. Rev. J. O. JANSSEN, D. D.

Get Rid of Scrofula

Bunches, eruptions, inflammations, soreness of the eyelids and ears, diseases of the bones, rickets, dyspepsia, catarrh, wasting, are only some of the troubles it causes. It is a very active evil, making havoc of the whole system.

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Eradicates it, cures all its manifestations, and builds up the whole system. Accept no substitute.